

Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

Chairman Greg Renneke called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Glen Kack, Gary Johnson, Ron Antony and Greg Renneke present. Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine, Advocate Tribune reporter Noah Lusti and Marshall Independent reporter Jim Muchlinski. Commissioner John Berends was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda 03-26-19-01 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the agenda with the following addition: add approval of liquor license for Montevideo Golf, LLC to the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda 03-26-19-02 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 12, 2019 County Board meeting minutes; 2018 County Feedlot Officer Report, Activity Report and Financial Report; resignation of Sue Rollins, Case Aide; request to advertise for a seasonal Parks Maintenance position; leave of absence request; liquor license for Montevideo Golf, LLC. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Citizen Comments Jim and Wes Erickson were in attendance to discuss concerns regarding the maintenance of county gravel roads and the county weed spraying schedule. The Commissioners will discuss these concerns in the near future.

Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 03-26-19-03 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$7,084.20 Ditch Fund, \$133,875.25 Revenue Fund, \$16,573.29 Road & Bridge Fund, \$48,637.68 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioners' Report Commissioner Antony reported on Counties Providing Technology meeting, Pioneerland Library System, Southwest Minnesota Workforce Council, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, flood meeting and Township meeting. Commissioner Kack reported on Personnel Committee, Countryside Public Health and Western Mental Health Center. Commissioner Johnson reported Personnel Committee, Countryside Public Health, Union Negotiation committee, Clarkfield School task force, Prairie Lakes, flood meeting, Parks Committee and Prairie Five. Commissioner Renneke reported on Parks Committee and Union Negotiation committee.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

Regular Agenda

Resolution #11-2019 03-26-19-04 Jolene Johnson, Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Mike Mammale, Local Weed Inspector for Fortier and Florida Townships, requested to add Musk Thistle and Bull Thistle to the Noxious Weed List. Representatives from Florida and Fortier Townships were in attendance to support the resolution. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to table resolution #11-2019 which adds Musk Thistle and Bull Thistle to the Noxious Week List until a letter has been sent to all township boards asking for their input. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chris Balfany, Planning and Zoning/Ditch Administrator and Jolene Johnson, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, gave a department update.

Resolution #10-2019 Declaring a State of Emergency 03-26-19-05 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve resolution 10-2019 which declares a State of Emergency in Yellow Medicine County due to flooding. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board recessed for break at 10:44 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

Chris Balfany, Planning and Zoning/Ditch Administrator and Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager, gave an update on ditch funding. The board directed Finance Manager Rigge to look into possible bonding options for the future. Finance Manager Rigge will put together some scenarios for a future board meeting for inter-fund loans which include dollar amounts and possible interest rates.

Letter of Support 03-26-19-06 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the Letter of Support for Prairie Five Community Action Council's application for funding for the Regional Transportation Coordination Council. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. 03-26-19-07 Lacey Rigge, Finance Manager, discussed an agreement with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. for professional consulting services. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve professional consulting services with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. effective May 20, 2019 until March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$10,050 (no change from previous agreement). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Township Contract Rate 03-26-19-08 Connie Erickson, Assessor, discussed the price per parcel for township assessment contracts. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to set the price per parcel at \$12.00 (unchanged) for township assessment contracts. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Township Assessment Contracts 03-26-19-09 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to renew the township assessment contracts for Fortier, Norman and Oshkosh and to add a new contract for Posen township. The contracts cover the 2020, 2021 and 2022 assessment years. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Tax Abatement of Farmers Cooperative Elevator (35-950-0040) 03-26-19-10 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to abate the 2019 real estate taxes for Farmers Cooperative Elevator for 9 months due to a fire on March 31, 2018. The abated tax amount for taxes payable in 2019 is \$8,592. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Energy Efficiency Deduction 03-26-19-11 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the request from Contegrity for 179D Deduction for Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings on the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse Project. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack and Renneke voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

PERA Phased Retirement Option 03-26-19-12 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Phased Retirement Option for Larry Stoks, General Maintenance Supervisor, beginning April 29, 2019. The Phased Retirement Option must be renewed each year. The board approved possible renewal up to two years. There will be a six-month review to evaluate how the program is going. Following the review, the board approved advertising to replace the position in order to allow training for the new staff. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution of Support for Transportation System Funding #8-2019 03-26-19-13 Andy Sander, Highway Engineer, presented a resolution that supports adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system. Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Resolution of Support for Transportation System Funding #8-2019. Motion failed with Commissioner Antony and Kack voting in favor and Commissioner Renneke and Johnson voting against.

03-26-19-14 Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to award the low bid to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$1,660,796.79 for SAP 087-602-027, SAP 087-621-005 and SAP 064-627-005 (mill, overlay and shouldering on CSAH 2, CSAH 21, and CSAH 27 in Redwood County). One other bid was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

03-26-19-15 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to award the low bid to Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$1,040,008.87 for SAP 087-620-003 for reconstruction of CSAH 20 in Echo. One other bid was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Right of Way Payments 03-26-19-16 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Right of Way payments for SAP 087-620-003 (CSAH 20) as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance Funding Request 03-26-19-17 Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to table the Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Alliance funding request until further information can be obtained. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Department/Program Updates

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Service Center, gave an update.


Other Business None

Informational None


Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjourn 03-26-19-18 Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:


Greg Renneke, Chair

Attest:


Angie Steinbach, County Administrator